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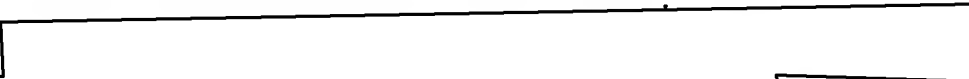


PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO AMBASSADOR GATES FROM GEORGE BUSH. 4

STATSPEC DEAR TOM, 4

I'M SORRY THAT A DISTORTED UPI DISPATCH APPEARING THREE

DAYS AFTER THE



WE HAVE

NO DIRECT EVIDENCE THAT UPI BASED ITS REPORT ON THAT ANALYSIS,

WHICH HAS NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC; IT HAS BEEN TRANSMITTED

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HAVING DIRECT OPERATIONAL

REQUIREMENT. ANY JOURNALIST COULD HAVE COME UP WITH SAME

ANALYSIS, WHICH WAS BASED ENTIRELY ON OVERT, UNCLASSIFIED

REPORTING. NEVERTHELESS, I REGRET IT ENORMOUSLY. 4

UPI MISSTATED THE FACTS IN CLAIMING YOU HAD NOT BEEN

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THAT PEKING "MEDIA ARE NOT KNOWN TO HAVE REPORTED" ANY SUCH  
 MEETINGS, WHICH THESE MEDIA HAD DONE EARLIER FOR INITIAL  
 RECEPTIONS OF AMBASSADOR BRUCE AND MYSELF. WHAT PRC LEADERS  
 INTENDED TO CONVEY BY FACT PEKING MEDIA CARRIED NO ACKNOWLEDGMENT,  
 OF YOUR EARLY MEETINGS WITH CHIAO AND WANG HAI-JUNG WAS NOT  
 SPECULATED UPON BY [ ] WHICH DOES NOT HAVE REGULAR ACCESS  
 TO YOUR CABLE REPORTS ON SUCH ACTIVITIES. [ ] ANALYSTS JUDGED  
 THAT INCONSISTENT PEKING MEDIA TREATMENT IN YOUR CASE WAS OF  
 SIGNIFICANCE TO CHINA ANALYSTS AND OVERSEAS MISSIONS, AND  
 SHOULD HAVE BEEN RECORDED TO AID OUR UNDERSTANDING OF PRC  
 POLICY, AS PART OF THEIR ASSIGNED MEDIA ANALYSIS MISSION.

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I HOPE YOU AGREE SUCH ABERRANT PRC MEDIA TREATMENT IS NOTE-  
 WORTHY AND A PROPER SUBJECT FOR ANALYSIS. 4

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